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**MEETING OF THE CASE COMMITTEE
HELD NOVEMBER 10, 1964**

**Present: Mr. Stein
Mr. Angell**

**Mr. Baldwin
Mr. Jamason**

**Miss Duffy
Mrs. Warren
Mr. Kilduff**

At a meeting of the Case Committee held this date, Mr. Kilduff informed the committee since our last meeting Dr. Kennelly, Supt. of the Newark School System, had called him to a meeting with representatives from the Board of Education, Child Service Assn., and Mrs. Chubb and Mrs. Parsons from the Victoria Foundation. The Victoria Foundation was interested in subsidizing a research project to study children in economically depressed areas, pre-school and school children in the first through sixth grades, who seem to be slow learners and somewhat mentally retarded. The purpose of the study was to ascertain whether or not children coming from economically depressed areas were really slow learners or mentally retarded or whether it was the environment in which they live or the calibre of teaching in such schools. The Board of Education agreed to participate in the study, as did the Child Service Assn. and Mr. Kilduff tentatively agreed to full participation prior to its discussion with the Case Committee, who in turn would bring it to the Board for their approval or disapproval.

It was Mr. Schein's opinion this was something we should participate in and the Case Committee members agreed. The study is The Call to Learning: The Newark --- Victoria Plan. The Victoria Foundation is a foundation set up by the Chubb Family, which has assets in excess of 23 million. Family Service Bureau has already been asked to submit a budget. A tentative figure of \$10,000 a year throughout the life of the project was submitted.

Also discussed with the Case Committee was another research project being undertaken by the Welfare Federation through its Research Dept. headed by Mr. Al Meyers. The proposal is for an Educationally Based Group Rehabilitation Program for potential school drop-outs who are also youthful offenders. It is a cooperative project between the City of Newark, Newark State College, Essexfields Group Rehabilitation Center, Newark School Board, Family Service Bureau and the Welfare Federation. The proposal in its broadest outline was submitted to Washington authorities and on Friday, November 6th, two Washington representatives met with the representatives of Welfare Federation, the Assistant Mayor of the City of Newark, Mr. Paul Reilly, Mr. Saul Pilnik of Essexfields, a representative from the Newark State College and Mr. Kilduff.

In the discussion about the project, the representatives from Washington felt the part Family Service Bureau was going to play in it should be enlarged to encompass the involvement of three or more case workers. Direction was given to Mr. Meyers to rewrite that part of the project to reflect such a change. Family Service Bureau's responsibility in the research project will be to work with the parents of the children involved in this program.

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Again Mr. Schein felt this was a project the Family Service Bureau should concern itself with and it was his feeling the Case Committee should approve the entrance of the Bureau into it. The committee concurred.

It is hoped this research project, with monies supplied by the federal government, will get underway around the first of the year. Washington is extremely interested in it because of its nature and the composition of the City of Newark at the present time.

The committee thoughtfully discussed both proposals at length and were in agreement these two projects illustrated forward thinking on the part of the agency in ascertaining how it might best serve the community.

Next meeting of the Case Committee will take place on the second Tuesday in January, and it is hoped we may present for the new members of the committee a client who may tell how he or she has or has not been helped.

Edward V. Kilduff

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December 3, 1964

Addendum:

Since the last meeting of the Board, word has been received from the Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare that the project submitted for research grant entitled "Causes of addiction arising from within the family" had not been approved.

(Letter attached)

Mrs. Chubb from the Victoria Foundation informed the Family Service Bureau on November 4th that the Victoria Foundation had allocated to the Family Service Bureau \$10,000 requested by the Bureau as their cost in the research project that will be done jointly with the Board of Education, Child Service Assn. and Family Service Bureau called "The Call to Learning: The Newark --- Victoria Plan." This will be forthcoming to the agency sometime before the end of this year. The Newark Board of Education has already received a check for \$106,000.